

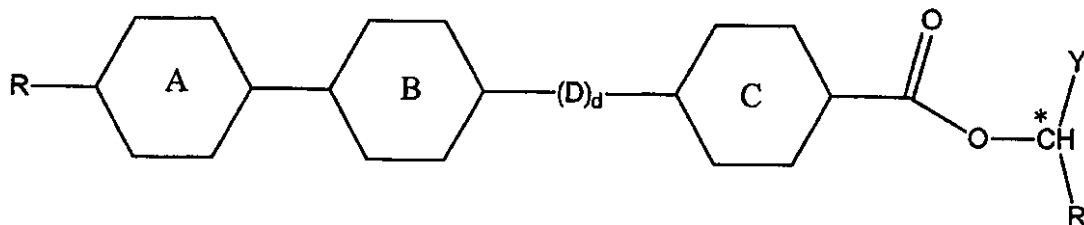
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 cancelled

2. (currently amended) ~~The liquid crystal composition of claim 1~~ A liquid crystal composition which comprises one or more compounds of the formula:



wherein:

R is $C_nF_{2n+1}C_mH_{2m}$ where m is an integer greater than 3 and less than or equal to 10; n is an integer from 1 to 10 and m + n is less than or equal to 20 and wherein R is optionally attached to ring A with an oxygen;

Rings A, B and C are 5- or 6-carbon aromatic rings each optionally substituted with from one to four fluorines and wherein one or two CH groups in the rings can be substituted with a N, an O or a S group;

d is 0 or 1;

D is a linker group selected from the group consisting of -COO-, -OOC-,